

September 21, 2001

Dear Interested Citizen,

Thank you for your interest in the Cook Composites and Polymers Co. Environmental Cooperative Agreement. Citizens expressed a number of questions and concerns when this Agreement was initially proposed. The attached document summarizes the comments DNR received at the March 22, 2001 public meeting and during the public comment period. DNR's Air, Waste and Wastewater technical staff took considerable time to review and respond to them.

CCP and DNR have jointly developed specific changes in the Agreement to clarify the Agreement and respond to some of the comments and citizen concerns. Other comments were out of the purview of the Agreement and staff in DNR's Air, Wastewater and Waste Programs will address them in their normal regulatory review of CCP's projects and facility. CCP will address other concerns as it works with its Community Advisory Committee in the development of CCP's Environmental Management System. CCP has indicated they are especially interested in working with the Community to address odor concerns.

CCP has taken a leadership role as one of the first participants in the Environment Cooperation Pilot Program. CCP is working with the Department to find new and better ways of doing business. Even more importantly, CCP is charting new courses by deliberately involving the community in constructive dialogue and environmental problem solving. CCP has committed to superior environmental performance and activities they are not required to do by our existing environmental regulations.

DNR believes that the agreement should proceed based on the provisions that have been developed, the adjustments that have been made by the company and DNR and the understanding that has developed as we have worked on this agreement.

We hope that the attached document will answer many of the questions you may have had. If they do not please feel free to contact me or the Project Coordinator, Lynn Persson, at 608/267-3763 or Lynn.Persson@dnr.state.wi.us. Copies of this document, the final agreement, CCP's newsletter, and other information will be available on the DNR web site at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/ecpp/agreements/cook/>

Sincerely,

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Bureau of Cooperative Environmental Assistance.